

Maidenhead

21 Dec 1871

My dear W. Smith

As soon as I can  
I will read the part-trans-  
cript just received and  
give you my opinion re-  
garding it; but I am at  
present suffering acutely  
from the ear-ache.

It is not of a period  
of our drama that I care  
about much, and possibly  
know less. Cannot you let  
me see the whole? I can  
write no more now.

Yours most sincerely

J. Payne Collier  
A. Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>

Wilmington

21 Dec 1871

My dear Mr. Smith

I received your letter

of the 19th inst. and

am glad to hear

from you and

to hear that you

are still in the

city of Washington

and that you are

well and happy

and that you are

still in the

city of Washington

and that you are

well and happy

and that you are





